

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 14 at line 3 with the following paragraph:

Returning to step **406**, if no errors or warnings are found when the event logs are scanned (step **404**), then a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) query of the Directory service objects is performed to determine whether there are any errors (step **426**). It is then determined whether any errors are found as a result of this query (step **428**) and, if yes, then the system continues with step **408** as described above. If, however, no errors are found in step **428**, then a test series is begun (step **430**) in which various components, such as, for example, Domain Name Server (DNS) DNS 432, NT Directory Server (NTDS) NTDS 434, Knowledge Consistency Checker (KCC) KCC 436, Flexible Single Master Operation (FSMO) FSMO Check 438, and Advertising **440** are checked to determine whether they are performing correctly. ~~{What do the abbreviations DNS, NTDS, KCC, an FSMO stand for?}~~ This list of components is merely provided as an example. The components checked will depend on the components a particular enterprise uses and will vary with implementation. Next, the system determines whether any of the tests failed (step **442**), and if yes, continues with step **408** as described above. If the system determines that no test failed (step **442**), then the system continues active monitoring of the directory service (step **402**).